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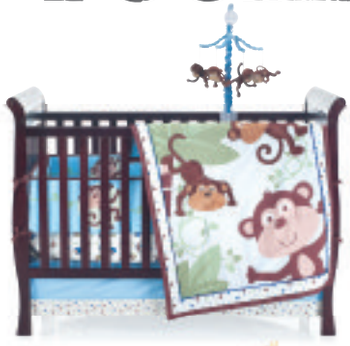

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Porn actor wanted in body-parts homicide

Caution: Graphic content. A man is wanted in connection with a three-step crime: a killing, a dismemberment and a mailing of body parts to Ottawa

JOE LOFARO
Metro in Ottawa

Police are looking for a low-budget-porn star wanted in a shocking homicide that came to light Tuesday when a severed foot was mailed to Tory party headquarters in Ottawa.

On Wednesday, Montreal police issued a Canada-wide arrest warrant for Luka Rocco Magnotta, 29, believed to originally be from Toronto.

He's connected to the discovery of a human torso in Montreal and mailed body parts found in Ottawa Tuesday.

Before the severed remains were discovered, someone posted a video online, purporting to show a young man being stabbed with an ice pick. While the victim lay naked, the killer then dismembered the corpse and committed sexual and cannibalistic acts on it.

The video is now being reviewed by Montreal police, who are investigating a case that has shocked the country.

Magnotta, who police say also goes by the names Eric Clinton Newman and Vladimir Romanov, is described as white, five-foot-10, and weighing 134 pounds, with blue eyes and black hair.

His multiple identities were confusing enough that police had to issue a second press release Wednesday after originally identifying him as "Rocco Luka."

Police said Magnotta has no criminal record.

Following the grisly discovery at the Conservative Party of Canada's headquarters, Ottawa police intercepted a package containing a hand on Tuesday evening at Canada Post's main terminal in Ottawa. That package was destined for the Liberal Party of Canada, Montreal police said.

Both packages were mailed to Ottawa from Montreal and police believe the body parts belonged to the same male victim, although they are waiting for the results of DNA tests.

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- For nearly two years, the name Luka Rocco Magnotta has been notorious among animal-rights activists looking for a man who tortured and killed cats.
- A horrified Conservative party member who opened the box that contained a dismembered foot says she will never forget the foul odour that overcame the office.

Luka Rocco Magnotta is shown in a Montreal police handout photo. Police have named Magnotta a suspect in the shocking case where dismembered body parts were mailed to Ottawa, including the headquarters of the governing Conservative party. CONTRIBUTED/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Victim's family didn't know about husband's depression

Sought support. Husband was to meet with counsellor on same day he was found dead with his wife and son

JEREMY NOLAIS
Metro in Calgary

The family members of an Airdrie, Alta., woman found dead in a ditch Monday had no idea her husband had been suffering from depression, a pastor says.

Hayley Wourms, 23, husband Darren Wourms, 26, and their two-year-old son Cayden were all found dead near St. Walburg on Monday. A .22-calibre rifle was also found at the scene of what is presumed to be a murder-suicide.

Darren Wourms' parents indicated in a statement Tuesday they had noticed their son's mental health deteriorating within the last five months. RCMP accompanied him to hospital for a psychiatric evaluation last month and he was released with medication.

Those revelations came as a shock to Hayley's parents, according to pastor and family friend Linda Tomlinson-Seebach. "They had absolutely no idea," she said. "They are learning all kinds of things that they were not aware of. That's kind of a double blow for them."

RCMP have not classified the deaths a murder-suicide but are not pursuing any suspects in relation to their investigation.

Darren's family indicated the father, who by all accounts loved his family and worked hard to provide for them, had planned to meet with a counsellor Monday.

"He was battling a depression that none of us fully understood," the statement reads. "Hayley supported him through it all."

Tomlinson-Seebach said she last saw Hayley and Cayden at an Easter service in Assiniboia, Hayley's hometown. She recalled fond memories of young Cayden eagerly sticking his hands into a baptismal font and splashing water on himself.

"I was so struck by both of them," the pastor said.

Plans for funerals were still being sorted out Tuesday as the RCMP had only just released the bodies to family members.

Tomlinson-Seebach said the Assiniboia community has rallied around Hayley's family in their time of grief.

"I think they're doing better than most people would be in this situation.... All of the questions this raises are going to plague them for the rest of their life," she said.

Investigation

Autopsies performed on bodies

Investigators have cleared the scene where the family of three was found dead in northern Saskatchewan Monday, but little is being revealed about the cause of death.

RCMP Sgt. Paul Dawson said autopsies have been performed and now investigators will bring their findings to the families as they prepare burial and funeral arrangements.

"The most important people in this are the families," Dawson said. "We learned a lot (from the autopsies) ... but we need time to share that with the family and that's what we are going to do over the next few days."

RCMP have not confirmed that Darren Wourms, wife Hayley and son Cayden died as a result of a murder-suicide and Dawson indicated investigators may never make their full findings public out of respect for the victims' loved ones.

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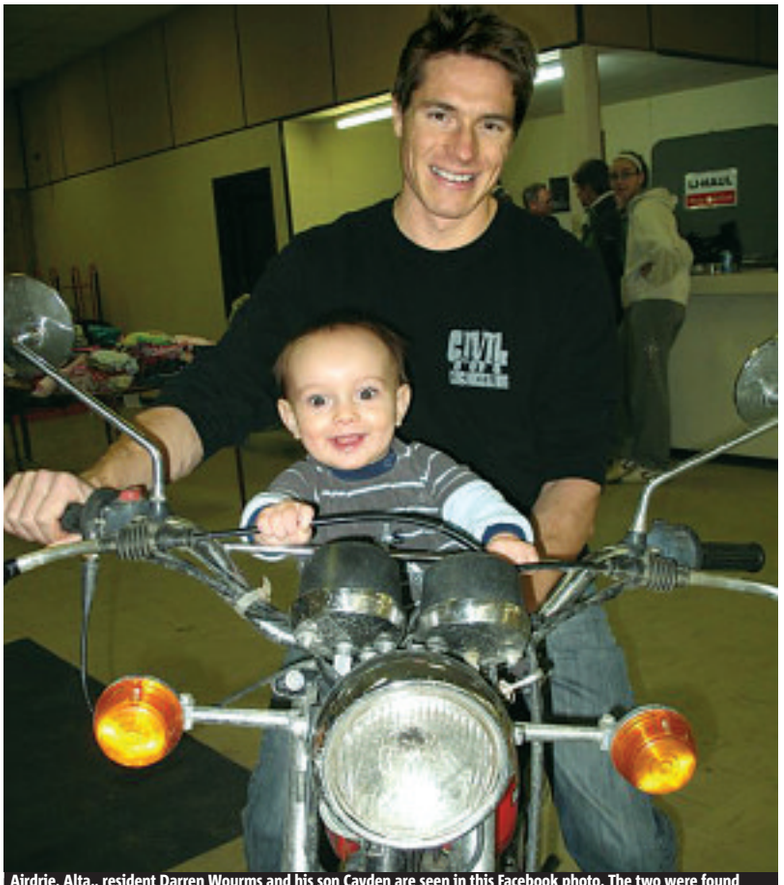

Airdrie, Alta., resident Darren Wourms and his son Cayden are seen in this Facebook photo. The two were found dead with Darren's wife Hayley in northern Saskatchewan Monday. FACEBOOK.COM

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"There's anger, of course — that's the normal reaction to death regardless, but in this case it was needless, not necessary."

Pastor Linda Tomlinson-Seebach, a friend of Hayley Wourms' family

New nurses. Grads are staying in Saskatchewan

Echoing census data released Tuesday, more Saskatchewan nurses are approaching the age of retirement, but the number of younger nurses in the province is also increasing.

"Less than 10 per cent of new nurses are taking jobs in Alberta," said chief nursing officer Lynn Digney-Davis. "Ninety to 95 per cent of recent graduates are staying in Saskatchewan."

The new two-year tripartite collective agreement between the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN), the Ministry of Health and the Regional Health Authorities builds upon a 2008 partnership between SUN and the ministry, which focused on retaining and recruiting new nurses.

Digney-Davis called the original partnership a "major success," saying that over 900 nurses were hired over a four-year period.

But when it comes to the increasing number of nurses who are eligible for retirement every year, Digney-Davis said that the government is worried. "We have risk, there's no doubt about it. And it's so hard to predict because (retirement) is so personal."

The Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association (SRNA) reports that while the number of RNs 55 and older continues to increase, that number has been matched by an equivalent increase in those 35 and under.

SRNA data show that in 2011 the total number registered nurses in Saskatchewan was 10,504, and that 1,400 of those were ages 25 to 29. "That is positive news," said SRNA executive director Karen Eisler "The future does look good."

Citing statistics from the SRNA's annual report for 2011, Eisler said 71 per cent of nurses in the 55-and-older age group do not plan to retire in the next two years. "We have been able to repatriate nurses from other areas, mostly due to the boom. The expanding number of educational programs has helped as well."

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Chief nursing officer Lynn Digney-Davis

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On the web

Money woes for Facebook CEO?

It's not just Facebook's stock that's having money troubles these days. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg was caught on camera dumbfounded after unsuccessfully trying to withdraw money from an ATM. Watch the clip online at metronews.ca.

Cannibal victim still in bad shape

The gory nature of the recent face-mauling attack in Miami has shocked members of the city's police force. With a motive for the assault still unclear, doctors say the victim faces a long, painful recovery. See the video update at metronews.ca.

Mobile news

Computer technicians battling to contain a complex virus last month resorted to the ultimate firewall measures — cutting off Internet links to Iran's oil ministry. Scan the code to read more about what officials did to stamp out the Flame virus.

Riders work on their downward dog

Smoothing out the kinks. Team hires first yoga instructor

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The Saskatchewan Roughriders have rolled out the welcome mat to the team's newest recruit.

Not a quarterback, a defensive lineman or a coach, Saskatoon's Matt Yausie is the Riders' first official yoga instructor.

An ideal candidate, Yausie, 28, is a former defensive back for the University of Saskatchewan Huskies and University of Regina Rams. He is currently a yoga instructor at Level 10 Fitness in Regina. Yausie was a Huskie when the team made its last Vanier Cup appearance in 2006.

He was introduced to yoga in university. After years of sustaining and exacting bone-crushing tackles at the varsity level, Yausie's body began to feel the strain. Yoga was his solution.

"I was in it for the physical benefits to try and make myself a little more flexible," he said. "I was getting pretty banged up. I had a lot of hip and groin injuries that were kind of compounded with scar tissue building up, so yoga was a nice relief."

Yausie strives to improve mental clarity, range of motion, flexibility and injury prevention in his football clients.

Melding the aggressive nature of football with the tranquil, holistic practice of yoga may seem like a stretch. But Yausie says the two go hand-in-hand.

"They're very similar in a sense that they create unity. A football team is a pretty dynamic group of individuals all working together as one. Within the yoga community, the yoga studio or people that practise yoga, they're creating a unity within themselves when they practise."

Riders slotback Getzlaf also praises yoga.

"Yoga offers a lot of flexibility and strength that you normally don't get from your other exercises, so it's really nice to have and help make your body durable," said Getzlaf, who amassed 1,071 yards in receiving for Saskatchewan in 2011.

The potential doesn't end within the realm of football. Getzlaf said he will be recommending yoga to his younger brother Ryan, a Canadian Olympic gold medallist and National Hockey League player with the Anaheim Ducks.

"I will try to get him into it," he said.

DORIAN GEIGER/METRO

Bent into shape

Players stretch for competitive edge

Roughriders Weston Dressler and Chris Getzlaf are stretching the boundaries of what it means to be a CFL receiver.

From yoga's ancient origins in India to the plains of Saskatchewan, Dressler and Getzlaf are connecting body and mind, establishing yoga as a mainstay in the Riders dressing room.

"It's important for your flexibility, improving your range of motion and preventing injuries," said Dressler, who has 23 CFL career touchdowns.

Roughriders Weston Dressler, front, Jordan Sisco, centre, and Chris Getzlaf practise yoga with Matt Yausie, not pictured, in Regina this spring. CONTRIBUTED/MATT YAUSIE

Provincial politics

Wall to talk promises, long-term vision in first meeting with new cabinet

The province needs a long-term strategy for water quality and supply, Premier Brad Wall says.

He says such a strategy will be part of the second phase of the Saskatchewan Party's long-term vision, to be released this fall. The economic plan will also look at health-care targets and other issues, he says.

Wall is sitting down with his new cabinet for the first time since a major shuffle last week that saw only two ministers keep their portfolios.

He says they'll talk about the challenges of growth and about implementing promises from the election platform. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Study helping MS patients across symptom spectrum

University of Saskatchewan. New MS study focuses on improving mobility

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Looking at Saskatoon resident Christina Chabot, it's nearly impossible to tell the 31-year-old mother is afflicted with multiple sclerosis.

Unlike MS patients who suffer from mobility troubles, the disease hinders Chabot's cognitive abilities. Making decisions, planning out a day and her judgment can be affected sometimes. Fatigue and blurred vision plague her on other days.

"When people hear about MS they think wheelchairs, being crippled and not being able to walk, where as if you look at me you wouldn't know I had MS. I still walk, drive and do anything mobility-wise," she explains.

Diagnosed at 24, Chabot's condition has left her unemployed and dependent on a disability allowance. A former secretary, she likely won't work in an office environment again.

Right now Chabot is participating in the University of Saskatchewan's new study on MS, which strives to increase patients' mobility.

Although mobility is not a concern, Chabot said the exercise portion of the study has given her confidence and improved her attitude.

Carol Conley is another MS patient and study participant. Conley's crippling back pain makes the easiest of physical tasks daunting. She commends the study for teaching proper techniques in daily movement.

"Moving correctly has reduced the pain. I had constant back pain before and it has decreased after learning how to walk correctly," said Conley.

Prior to the study, Conley depended on a scooter for commuting purposes. Now her mobility has improved enough to allow use of a walker.

University of Saskatchewan graduate student Miranda Cary, 23, left, is hoping a study on multiple sclerosis will increase mobility in those who are afflicted by the disease. DORIAN GEIGER/METRO

Focus on MS

Study seeks participants

A new University of Saskatchewan study is offering an escape from the chains and shackles of immobility caused by multiple sclerosis.

Dubbed "Move Strong," the study aims to enhance mobility in MS patients.

Miranda Cary is a U of S graduate student who is coordinating the study with her mentor, Larry Brawley.

Since MS exists in Saskatchewan at a higher rate per capita than anywhere else in Canada (roughly 340 of every 100,000 people in the Prairies have MS, says Statistics Canada), Cary said that basing the study in Saskatoon was fitting.

"The study focuses on mobility in daily activities," said Cary. "Things like going to the grocery store, being able to pick up objects or walking to and from your car. The study improves balance and overall capabilities."

Patients participate in activities including yoga, object weightlifting, and a walking obstacle course. Contact 966-8659 if you are interested in participating.

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The bloody package that horrified PM's top aide

A grisly find. Tory staffer Jenni Byrne accepts a mystery delivery, opens it ... and unveils an incredible crime

It was a moment Jenni Byrne will never forget.

One of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's most senior staffers, she was handed a suspicious-looking package when it arrived at Conservative party headquarters just blocks from Parliament Hill.

Byrne warily examined the bloodstained box.

She opened it — and a foul, "horrible" odour escaped and overcame the office.

Inside was a human foot.

And so began one of the most disturbing police investigations ever.

For after that shock for Byrne on Tuesday, Ottawa police, in a night-long investigation, found a hand at a Canada Post mail facility in the east end of the city.

"I'm fine," Byrne — the national campaign manager for the 2011 general election — said Wednesday as new details emerged about a crime that has horrified the capital.

Police said both packages were mailed from Montreal.

There, police had been grappling with a grisly find of their own — a human torso found stuffed into a suitcase.

They named a suspect in the case Wednesday afternoon and said all the body parts are from the same victim.

On Parliament Hill, rattled political staffers were keeping a close eye on the mail.

"Our sympathies go out to the staff at the Conservative offices who opened the package," said New Democrat MP Randall Garrison.

"Our thoughts are also with Canada Post employees who had to deal with the second package containing human remains.

"They were both victims of an outrageous and reprehensible act."

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Top Conservative party staffer Jenni Byrne, pictured Wednesday, opened a package that contained a human foot. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alleged kitten killings. Facebook group named a Luka Rocco Magnotta

Long before a Canada-wide arrest warrant was issued for Luka Rocco Magnotta, a Facebook group lobbied to have a man by the same name arrested for allegedly killing kittens.

The group was created in response to a video that allegedly shows a kitten being killed in a vacuum-sealed bag.

Luka Rocco Magnotta is the name of a porn star wanted in the body-parts homicide.

On luka-magnotta.com, an article says Magnotta has been the victim of untrue allegations. "Many hoax websites are created using my image and name," the posting says.

The posting adds: "People need not be told, not to believe what they read and to take it as fact."

A member of the kitten group posted a statement on the Facebook page on Wednesday after learning about the human remains found in Ottawa and Montreal.

"Members of this group have spent over a year searching for this individual, who we believe is also responsible for several videos where animals were killed," the statement read.

JOE LOFARO/METRO IN OTTAWA

Poop, pentagrams

MPs' mail has the stamp of hate

From poop to hate mail, MPs get alarming items delivered to their offices.

"I think human waste ... a few years ago when I was in opposition," Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said Wednesday when asked about his weirdest piece of mail.

"I remember we also got some weird, kooky-craft art thing with anti-Christ images and pentagrams."

Liberal MP Denis Coderre said he received feces in the mail. He also was sent flour, "to try to make me think it was some other substance."

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Double-murder suspect killed in B.C. shootout

Confrontation.
Man wanted in two shooting incidents taken down by police only hours after warning was issued

An armed man suspected in a double murder and an attempted murder in Burnaby, B.C., has been killed in a shootout with police.

RCMP caught up with 26-year-old Angus David Mitchell in Maple Ridge, B.C., on Wednesday, about three hours after issuing a public warning about him.

Supt. Dave Walsh said Mitchell was shot in a confrontation with emergency-response team officers in a rural area.

Police were called after reports that someone had seen a van believed to be owned by Mitchell.

Angus David Mitchell
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RCMP said he was a suspect in the deaths of a man and woman who'd been gunned down in a restaurant on Sunday and in the shooting and wounding of his former landlord on Tuesday.

Police said Mitchell had been evicted from his home six months ago, around the time he came to legally possess a hunting rifle.

Sgt. Jennifer Pound of the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team couldn't say if there was a relationship between Mitchell and the two people who were gunned down in the restaurant. Pound said there are several factors that appear to link the two crimes, including a similar weapon, but forensics experts need to confirm that.

Insp. Tim Shields said Mitchell wasn't known to police, although officers had once been called to a complaint involving him.

Mitchell also had some conflict with former employers and co-workers, and Shields said police warned them Wednesday morning to be on the lookout for the armed and unstable man.

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Whistleblower case

Journalist charged in Israel

Israel's attorney general has announced the indictment of a journalist who reported on classified documents provided by a military whistleblower. Officials said Uri Blau, a reporter for the Haaretz daily, is charged with unauthorized possession of state secrets. The maximum sentence is seven years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Villagers killed

UN council to meet on Syria massacre

A UN body will hold a special session Friday on the deteriorating situation in Syria and last week's massacre of more than 100 Syrian villagers.

The UN Human Rights Council said Wednesday its special session will address the massacre in Houla, Syria, which drew international condemnation and prompted the U.S. and at least a dozen other nations to expel Syrian diplomats.

The massacre has provoked strong global condemnation, but it is unlikely to trigger a military assault similar to last year's NATO-led campaign in Libya to oust Moammar Gadhafi.

A total of 51 nations — including France, Germany, Britain, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates — signed their support for the session. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Killing of 18 protesters

Egyptian cop gets five years

A court has convicted a policeman on charges of killing protesters during last year's uprising and sentenced him to five years in prison.

Mohammed el-Sunni was charged with taking part in the killing of 18 protesters in Cairo during the uprising that toppled dictator Hosni Mubarak. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A woman rides her bike amid debris in Cavezzo, northern Italy, Wednesday. A quake struck the same area on May 20. LUCA BRUNO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Italy to rebuild area hit by second deadly quake

Emilia Romagna region. Towns of Mirandola, Medolla and Cavezzo closest to epicentre

Italian rescue workers removed the last earthquake victim from the rubble Wednesday, bringing the death toll to 17 as the government approved measures to rebuild the quake-hit area.

It's an area that is very crucial to Italy's economic health.

The magnitude-5.8 tremor north of Bologna on Tuesday felled old buildings and new factories and warehouses alike, many of them already weakened by a stronger quake May 20 that measured magnitude-6 and killed seven people.

In both quakes, the dead were disproportionately workers toiling in factories, leading to some questions about Italy's building codes or possible corruption.

"I remember with sorrow the deaths in Emilia, who died while working, mostly workers but also entrepreneurs," said Interior Minister Anna Maria Cancellieri.

Prime Minister Mario Monti has promised the government will do whatever is necessary to rebuild the region.

On Wednesday, the government approved measures, including raising the price of gas by .02 cents US a litre, to begin the reconstruction of homes, businesses and historic structures, including many churches, in the stricken area.

Crews on Wednesday pulled the last body from the rubble of a factory in the town of Medolla.

Three others also died in the structure. Civil Protection authorities in Rome say no one else is missing. The quake also injured 350.

Many people spent the night in tent camps. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ferraris and Parmesan

The quake-stricken area encompassing the northern cities of Modena, Mantua and Bologna is prized for its super car production, churning out Ferraris, Maseratis and Lamborghinis; its world-famous Parmesan cheese; and less well-known but critical to the economy — its machinery companies.

- Counsellors were on hand to help rattled residents who have lived through two terrifying quakes in two weeks in an area not quake-prone.

Kathie Lee Gifford
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Martin Short plays it cool after Kathie Lee's Today Show gaffe

A comedy of errors. Today Show host asks Canadian comedian how his dead wife is doing, then tweets an embarrassing apology

Wednesday was an embarrassing day for Kathie Lee Gifford.

In what could well be the gaffe of the year, Gifford made a humiliating mistake during an interview with actor Martin Short on The Today Show.

Then, she directed her apology to the wrong Martin Short.

During an interview with Short in the morning, Gifford led into what appeared to be an unscripted conversation with him by telling viewers that he has one of the happiest and best marriages in show biz. She went on to ask him, "How many years has it been for you guys?"

Short answered that he and his wife have been married for 36 years. Gifford then playfully teased Short about how he and his wife are still in love and asked, "Why?"

Seems like a charming conversation when you leave out one glaring, elephant-in-the-room factor: Short's wife, Nancy Dolman, died of ovarian cancer in 2010.

You wouldn't know it was a touchy subject by watching Short's composure during the awkward line of questioning. He answered with poise and handled it like a true professional without correcting Gifford and making things even more awkward than they already were.

Once Gifford was alerted to her embarrassing error, she took to Twitter to clear the air, tweeting, "I send my sincerest apologies to @MartinShort and his family. He handled situation w/enormous grace and kindness and I'm so grateful."

The only problem with that is @MartinShort is an account with only 81 followers and a history of just one obscure tweet from 2009. Since Martin Short the actor has stated he has no interest in joining Twitter, we're assuming that @MartinShort is not his account.

We're sure Gifford was sincerely sorry, but we'd be quicker to forgive if it had been directed to the correct Martin Short. METRO WORLD NEWS

Private spaceship

Virgin Galactic cleared for takeoff

Virgin Galactic says it expects to make rocket-powered test flights of its passenger spaceship later this year.

The company said Wednesday its spaceship-builder partner has been granted an experimental permit from the Federal Aviation Administration — a move that will allow it to proceed with powered flights.

No timetable has been set for the first launches carrying paying customers, but that will come after the test program is complete. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the buses

Double-deckers return to Baghdad

Iraqis welcomed the return of red double-decker buses to Baghdad streets this week, a colourful sign that the country is moving toward normalcy after a decade of war and sectarian violence.

Once a distinctive feature of the capital, the red buses with long white-and-black stripes disappeared from the streets after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, and the looting and chaos that followed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dublin tribute concert

Bono, Amnesty International to honour Myanmar opposition leader

Bono will present Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi with Amnesty International's highest honour when she visits Dublin next month as part of her first international tour in 24 years, the U2 singer and other organizers of an Irish tribute concert announced Wednesday.

Aung San Suu Kyi
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Suu Kyi is scheduled to visit Dublin on June 18, a day after collecting her Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo.

Suu Kyi was awarded the Nobel in 1991, and Amnesty's Ambassador of Conscience award in 2009.

She was unable to claim either award in person until now because she was under house arrest for 15 of the past 24 years and, even when free, afraid to leave Myanmar in case the country's military junta barred her return. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unusual find. Baby bird with two heads, three beaks discovered

A woman in Northampton, in western Massachusetts, made an unusual discovery in her backyard — a deformed baby cardinal with two heads and three beaks.

April Britt says she discovered the fledgling near the base of a tree on Monday and returned it to its nest.

Britt, 67, told the Daily Hampshire Gazette that the bird apparently couldn't eat without assistance from the adult birds.

The middle beak didn't work well and the other two didn't appear to be connected to the bird's throat.

A scientist with the Massachusetts Audubon Society says animals with such abnormalities rarely survive birth, which makes the find all the more unusual.

He says the deformities could have been caused by genetic or environmental factors.

The bird's abnormalities could be the result of random chance, some type of problem during development in which a pair of embryos didn't split as they should have, man-made chemicals affecting the development of the embryo or a combination of those factors.

On Tuesday morning, the baby bird and two adults were no longer in the tree where they had made a home.

Britt said the question of whether the young bird could survive on its own was now up for debate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A deformed cardinal chick with two heads and three beaks was discovered in a Northampton, Mass., backyard on Monday.
APRIL BRITT/DAILY HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taylor handed 50 years in prison

Court ruling. Amputees in Sierra Leone rejoice at ex-warlord's sentencing

Amputees still struggling to lead normal lives years after being mutilated by rebels in Sierra Leone hailed the decision at The Hague on Wednesday to sentence the man who backed those rebels, ex-Liberian president Charles Taylor, to 50 years in prison.

In a landmark ruling by the Special Court on Sierra Leone last month, Taylor became the first former head of state since the aftermath of World War II to be convicted. The 64-year-old Taylor was found guilty on 11 counts of aiding and abetting the Revolutionary United Front rebels in Sierra Leone, who murdered and mutilated tens of thousands of people during this country's 11-year brutal civil war which ended in 2002.

People maimed in the war gathered in the Sierra Leonean capital Wednesday to watch the proceedings of the Taylor trial via a live feed from The Hague, and rejoiced when judges in The Netherlands announced the 50-year sentence.

"That makes me the happiest person on Earth," said Alimami Kanu, whose right hand was hacked off by the RUF when he was 11 years old.

Siah Lebby, whose left leg was butchered by the rebels, said the tough sentence sends a strong signal. "After they have seen, they have seen what happened, all the people who want to do bad things again will be afraid."

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Justice

Liberians observe judgement

Taylor is an ex-warlord whose rebel forces invaded Liberia in 1989, marking the start of that country's vicious civil war. He eventually ran and was elected president, before being forced out by another rebel group. In Liberia, which shares a border with Sierra Leone, the irony has always been that Taylor is being tried for crimes he aided and abetted, rather than the ones that he is accused of directly carrying out in his own country.

In the Liberian capital of Monrovia, Suzanah Vaye watched the proceedings and hailed the sentence. Her husband was killed during the last days of Taylor's government in 2003. He was last seen in the hands of the ex-president's security force.

"Today, I join Sierra Leoneans in saying this should be a lesson to people that God has his own way of bringing judgment," Vaye said.

Former Liberian president Charles Taylor waits for the start of his sentencing judgement in the courtroom of the Special Court for Sierra Leone in Leidschendam, Netherlands, on Wednesday. TOUSSAINT KLUITERS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEYMAH GBOWEE

Who said sex and politics don't mix? Led by Leymah Gbowee, a young mother, Liberian women went on a sex strike to end the country's brutal civil war. They were successful. Last year Gbowee won a Nobel Peace Prize for her campaign.

USING SEX AS A WEAPON

Leyma Gbowee calls herself an ordinary Liberian mother of six. But without her mass women's movement, Liberia's civil war would still be raging. Gbowee's "peace warriors" have given African women a higher profile, too — and Liberia's president is now a woman. But with the exception of former president Charles Taylor, Liberia's warlords remain free.

Charles Taylor is the first-ever head of state to be convicted by the International Criminal Court. Do you feel vindicated?
When someone has been terrorizing communities, and your community has been violated, of course you're relieved he has been convicted. It doesn't matter that Taylor has been convicted for war crimes he committed in Sierra Leone, not Liberia. We've waited for a long time, so we're happy. There's a sense that justice has finally been served, and that Taylor will pay for his crime.

Are sex strikes an effective strategy to end wars?
They're effective in the sense that they get people's attention. Sex is an exotic thing, and many people would say it's a taboo subject. But when someone dares to bring it to the attention of the public, it has two results. People start saying, "Who's this person doing this?" and they start asking why the person is using sex to highlight an issue. And it gets men thinking. There are a lot of good men out there! The percentage of men who wage war is very small. Good men outnumber evil men, but why are they silent? Our strategy helps the good men because it gives them a reason to take action.

So it's not the sex strike per se, but the support it gives good men, that makes it an effective strategy?
Yes. Every man is interested in the act of sex. We withheld sex from our spouses to get attention, and our husbands obviously noticed. We said, "We need you to take a stand." And they did.

How many other alleged Liberian war criminals are there who should also face justice?
That's the biggest debate in Liberia right now. Since Taylor's conviction there has been a lot of discussion about the role former warlords still play in Liberia. In the case of Prince Johnson, people are saying that he, too, should be brought to justice. We need to start the conversation about people's role in the Liberian civil war and what should be done with them.

Prince Johnson has since become a member of parliament in Liberia.
The difference in African politics versus politics in the West is that people tend to rally around their identity. Liberia is no exception. Some people, including myself, don't want a person who committed some of the worst atrocities in our civil war as a member of parliament, but if you ask the people of his tribe, they see him as a hero.

Madeleine Albright likes to say that the world wouldn't be a better place if women were in charge — it would be like high school all over again. Do you agree?
It would be a much better place than it is now. Are all men bad? No. But I think when it comes to world politics, women bring something uniquely different to the table. Men often have values and principles, but politics tends to override them. Politics isn't a popularity contest; it's about achieving lasting changes. That's what women are good at.

The Nobel Peace Prize can be a blessing — as in the case of Mother Theresa — or a curse. Which has it been for you?
For me it's a gift from God. I come from a very humble background, and I'd never have thought that something like this could come my way. I can never refer to any gift from God as a curse.

ELISABETH BRAW/METRO WORLD NEWS

Leymah Gbowee

- **Age.** 40
- **Family.** Six children
- **Background.** Trauma counsellor; counselled warlord Charles Taylor's former child soldiers. Founded women's movement that helped end Liberia's civil war through protests and sex strikes.
- **In the news.** Founder and director of Women Peace and Security Network Africa. Won the Nobel Peace Prize last year. President Charles Taylor, whom Gbowee helped defeat, has just been convicted for war crimes by the Special Court for Sierra Leone in The Hague.

Canada has 'oilsands fever': Report

Dutch Disease? Two studies take differing views on oil, gas industry and long-term economic growth in Canada

On the eve of NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair's visit to Alberta's oilsands, a new report backs his claim that Canada's economy suffers from a form of Dutch Disease.

A study released Wednesday by the Pembina Institute says Canada has come down with a unique strain of the phenomenon, dubbed "oilsands fever," that is producing near-term economic benefits that are often overstated.

The report says these benefits are spread unevenly across the country and could be hiding economic turmoil down the road.

But another report by a different group says Canada's oil-and-gas industry is spreading the wealth by using the money earned from booming exports to buy goods and services from the rest of the country.

The two reports were released simultaneously as Mulcair prepares to embark on his first tour of the oilsands.

The NDP chief has been lambasted by western premiers and the federal Conservatives for suggesting oil exports raise the value of the Canadian dollar, which in turn hurts the economy in other parts of the country.

The phenomenon is dubbed the "Dutch Disease" in reference to the manufacturing decline that occurred in the Netherlands after a boom in natural-gas exports in the 1970s.

"The result appears to be a uniquely Canadian strain of the Dutch Disease that could be called 'oilsands fever' — a strain that is beginning to create clear winners and losers in Canada's economy and could pose a significant risk to Canada's competitiveness in the emerging, clean-energy economy," the Pembina report says.

A separate report also released Wednesday by the Macdonald-Laurier Institute found all provinces will enjoy benefits from oil- and gas-rich western provinces that far outweigh any ill effects from a higher Canadian dollar.

"While the so-called 'Dutch Disease' mechanism may operate, in practice it is partially (perhaps more than fully) offset by the gains to the overall Canadian economy documented by these studies," the report says.

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Western tour

Before departing on his western tour, NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair, pictured, insisted he's not against development, he's only advocating sustainable development.

- And he stressed that applies not just to the oilsands but to natural-resource projects all across the country.

EI changes

Mexico wants more temp workers

Mexico wants to increase its foreign workforce in Canada, despite the Conservative government's new employment-insurance rules that aim to fill vacant jobs with unemployed Canadians instead. The Mexican foreign secretary pressed for the expansion of the temporary-workers program during a visit Wednesday to Ottawa.

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Market Minute

DOLLAR
97.16¢ US (-0.6¢)

TSX
11,433.22 (-176.08)

OIL
$87.82 US (-$2.94)

GOLD
$1,564.60 US (+$14.70)

Natural gas: $2.46 US (-2.2¢)
Dow Jones: 12,419.86 (-160.83)

Partners. PepsiCo, Twitter launching music campaign

PepsiCo Inc. is lifting the curtain on its music partnership with Twitter, saying it plans to offer free downloadable songs on its Twitter page starting Wednesday and streaming video of live concerts this summer.

The No. 2 soda company says the first "pop-up" concert will be in late June. Followers will be able to influence aspects of the concert, such as the set list, by tweeting the names of songs they want played. Pepsi is staying mum on which artists it has lined up for the concerts.

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Live for Now

The partnership with Twitter is part of Pepsi's broader Live for Now campaign, which is using music to revive the brand's image.

CP Rail. Back-to-work bill speeds through Commons

Labour Minister Lisa Raitt
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Back-to-work legislation designed to end a CP Rail strike and get freight moving likely won't pass in the Senate until Thursday at the earliest, despite its overnight passage in the House of Commons.

MPs voted Wednesday to pass Bill C-39, ordering 4,800 Canadian Pacific engineers and conductors back to work after a weeklong strike. Labour Minister Lisa Raitt said the labour dispute must end quickly because of the toll it's taking on the economy.

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SKEPTICS, ASSEMBLE!

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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Don't tell anyone, but I'm in a band of superheroes. It's not easy. But with great powers come great responsibilities, so we struggle onward.

You see, I'm a Skeptic. And we are shunned and misunderstood.

I am ... Captain Incredulous! Defender of critical thought, wielder of common sense, saving the world from the Bible Thumper, Flim-Flam! and Dr. Alternative.

To enemies, "Skeptic" translates to closed-minded jerk who wouldn't recognize his spirit guide if it bit him on his chakra.

But we just want evidence. If you claim that God will help me find my apartment keys, or that my aura is the colour of Doritos, then I want questions answered. First and foremost: Do you bang your head often getting into cars?

Sorry. Captain Incredulous takes that back. I'm a poor spokesperson for the Skeptic Squad, as I have the same sense of restraint and tact as a U.S. presidential campaign.

This is my life, my curse. I must confront believers who say, "I feel sorry for you" and work with friends unaware of my secret identity as they compare star signs. The only "knocking on wood" I do is the repeated head-to-desk motion. It's the only way I keep from getting angry. Don't make me angry. You wouldn't like me angry.

Many of you are aligned against me. But maybe you'll understand if you gaze upon some of my exciting adventures:

Captain Incredulous No. 1: The Family!

Trapped for two decades inside a nuclear family that forces him to church every Sunday, our hero discovers his powers when he turns on his captors and says: "Isn't it wrong of me to consume the body of your Lord when to me it's only ice-cream wafer?" Even the Mummy, with her powers of lay ministry, cannot deflect the logic blast. A new hero joins the Skeptic Squad!

DAVID VAN DYKE PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

Captain Incredulous No. 7: Magnet Man!

Our hero suffers his first defeat when he meets Magnet Man, bearer of the Magnetic Bracelet. Hearing Magnet Man discuss the bracelet's powers with a bartender, Captain Incredulous forgets his logical weapons and instead blurts out, "Why don't you wear bunny ears? It would have the same effect!" Captain Incredulous, met with stares and silence, slinks back to his corner of the Beer Cave.

Captain Incredulous No. 21: The Mayor!

The good captain is listening to radio transmissions when he hears his political leader, Toronto Mayor Rob Ford, say, "I like astrology, folks. I follow the stars." Fighting off the overpowering urge to curl up into a ball and die, Captain Incredulous remembers the earlier lesson not to let his emotions defeat him. He decides it's nice that the mayor and many of the lefties who hate him have common ground to work from. I may host a summit.

But until then, what adventures await?

All I know for sure is that the Skeptic's life is a difficult one, fraught with awkward family barbecues. It's thankless, but we have an unrelenting belief in mankind: That it will get sillier by the day. No doubt about it.

This jelly's par for the course

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Rooftop-patio golf

Just don't snack after putting

The roof of Selfridge's department store in London has become a jelly-themed golf course thanks to food architects Bompas & Parr. Ahead of the Queen's Jubilee, the nine-hole course features iconic British landmarks including Tower Bridge and Big Ben, all with an edible frosting. METRO

Urban oasis

"Adults find it hard to justify going to a theme park. We want to help people find pleasure in the city."

Sam Bompas, food architect.
Selfridge's has a long history of hedonism. In the 1930s the roof featured a golf course, pleasure garden and café. More recently, Bompas & Parr created a green boating lake there last year.

Bompas & Parr

- **Gasp!** One of the duo's first projects was a breathable cocktail made by vaporizing 600 litres of gin and tonic.
- **Rowing on punch:** In 2009, they flooded an 18th-century townhouse with 2,500 litres of Courvoisier punch and had their guests row across.
- **Chocolate climb:** The last creation was a series of climbing walls made out of chocolate.

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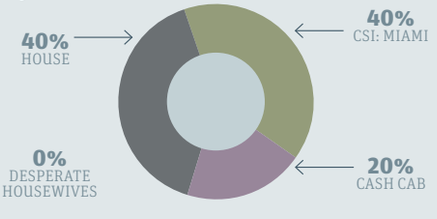
Which show ending its long run in 2012 will you miss the most?



Twitter

@talk2tr:
Day off, sunny deck. I do believe I will have another cup o' Joe. Enjoy our #sk sunshine #yxe

@SaskGatz:
#yxe drivers make me missing walking to work. #speeding #dangerouslanechange

@katdawnC:
Rolling into yxe after epic trip to #Sasquatch ! So many amazing moments. Here's Spin's 15 top moments & mishaps:

@DjSugarDaddy306:
Is somebody in the #YXE having a funkiest dance competitoin? 'cause Double Deuce Tuesdays is goin HAM on the d-floor tonight lol #BeatRescue

@1967canadian:
Glad someone is standing up "@sunrickbell Brad Wall comes to Alberta's defence Sask preem is Captain Alberta #abgov #ableg #abpoli #calsun

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24 Hour Playwriting Competition coordinator Heather Morrison looks on as Angela Kemp puts the finishing touches on her play. SIMON HIATT/METRO

Deadline fuels creativity at 24-hour playwriting event

Under pressure. Competitors vie for theatrical glory at annual contest

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When asked to sum up how they were feeling during a recent playwriting exercise, participants responses included; "muzzy," "cloidestinator" and "spaceworms" among other adjectives.

It's probably worth pointing out that at the time they were asked, they were entering the 20th of 24 straight hours of writing, so they can be forgiven if answers weren't coherent, or even technically words in the English language.

"They look a little dazed," said Heather Morrison, coordinator of the annual 24-hour Playwriting Competition. "But they're pretty cheery."

Competitor Angela Kemp supported both of those statements. Her response to the question about how she was feeling heading into the home stretch was "blossoming." However, the fatigue was also apparent when she attempted to describe the play she was finishing.

"It is…I would say it is… oh, gosh…no, it's not going to happen," said Kemp. "My brain is not there."

Kemp's inability to articulate a storyline is understandable. She began writing the play at 4 p.m. the previous afternoon, worked through the night, and finished a first draft at 5 a.m. the next morning, followed by a fleeting attempt at sleep, which only lasted for about 20 minutes. Kemp says despite the fatigue, there are definite benefits to this approach to writing as opposed to more traditional ones.

"This forces you to create an entire play in that time," said Kemp. "It's great for somebody like me that needs a deadline."

The benefits of an enforced deadline are mentioned by many people associated with the competition, from first time playwrights to Man Booker Prize winning authors. Yann Martel, author of the award-winning novel Life of Pi, helped kick off the event on Friday. Earlier in the week he offered words of wisdom for participants.

"One of the main things that prevents people from writing is doubt," said Martel.

"You write a sentence, decide it's not very good, and you become paralyzed by doubt. If you only have twenty-four hours just get it on the page. Don't censor yourself, and just have fun."

Plays produced in the competition, which is staged every year by the Saskatchewan Playwrights Centre, have gone on to some success. Previous winner Anthony McMahon's The Frenzy of Queen Maeve was work-shopped at the 2012 Spring Festival of New Plays and will be staged next theatre season.

Words written quickly

There are several famous examples of literary works that came to fruition in a relatively short time.

- **Mickey Spillane.** Took just nine days to write his most famous Mike Hammer novel; I, The Jury.
- **Anthony Burgess.** Wrote A Clockwork Orange in just three weeks.

The winner of this year's competition will also be produced, as for the first time top prize includes a slot at the 2013 Fringe Festival, in addition to five hundred dollars.

Christian Slater to shoot film in Regina

A Regina film company says actor Christian Slater will star in its new science-fiction thriller Stranded.

Officials with Minds Eye Entertainment say the movie is about a mysterious infection that contaminates a space station in the not too distant future. Filming begins July 3 at the Canada Saskatchewan Production Studios in Regina.

Stranded will be directed by Roger Christian, director of the John Travolta movie Battlefield Earth. Roger Christian is also a former production designer who was nominated for an Oscar for Alien and won an Academy Award for set direction on the original Star Wars.

Christian Slater has acted in dozens of television and film roles since the early 1980s, including hits such as Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves and Interview with a Vampire.

Minds Eye producer Kevin DeWalt said it is fortunate that Stranded was in place before the Saskatchewan government decided to cancel its Film Employment Tax Credit.

"It has been difficult raising financing for movies to be shot in Saskatchewan in the shadow of the current uncertainty surrounding the availability of local filming incentives in Saskatchewan past June 30, 2012," he said in a news release.

"We're fortunate for this one that the wheels were in motion long before this decision came down. Unfortunately on a go-forward basis, this lack of stability and support from the government is chasing away our investors on future projects shot in Saskatchewan."

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Christian Slater is set to star in the new sci-fi film Stranded. Filming begins on July 3. GETTY IMAGES

2 SCENE

Scene in brief

Shaw won't pick up Talackova reality show

Shaw Media is stepping back from comments suggesting it plans to air a reality show about transgender beauty queen Jenna Talackova. Programming boss Barbara Williams said Wednesday morning the broadcaster had picked up a reality show about the leggy Vancouver blond. But later in the afternoon, a Shaw spokeswoman said Williams "misinterpreted" a reporter's question and that such a show "is not part of Lifetime's channel lineup and has not been commissioned by the network." Talackova made headlines around the world when she was initially prohibited from competing in the Miss Universe Canada pageant because she was born a man. Pageant boss Donald Trump ultimately allowed Talackova to compete in the Toronto pageant earlier this month, where she was cut after making the top 12.

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On the web

Men in Black 3 is in the black with $69.3M debut weekend; Avengers adds $47.2M

Blake doesn't need anybody's 'approval'

Blake Lively is getting ready to say goodbye to Gossip Girl, the show that made her a star.

"I think the best way to describe it is like someone who really enjoyed high school, and it's like I'm a senior and I can't wait for the next thing," she tells Bullett magazine. "As an actor who plays a caricature of myself on the show, I don't think I'd say, 'Watch Gossip Girl for my best quality of work.' But I am very lucky to have had that experience."

But shouldn't Lively be worried about how her co-workers might take her remarks, especially with work starting on the show's final season this summer?

"I'm not in the business of trying to win the approval of my cast members, my director or my audience," she insists.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Moves like Adam Levine

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Adam Levine is a curious creature. Since Maroon 5 started seeping its comfortable radio rock through the airwaves 10 years ago, the seemingly unremarkable frontman and Voice judge has dated his way through intellectual A-listers (Natalie Portman), fluffy pop princesses (Jessica Simpson, circa a very respectable 2006) and Victoria's Secret bombshells (Anne Vyalitsyna).

Is he cute and talented in a non-threatening way? Sure. But we have a feeling his sparkling dating resumé is a result of professional-grade smooth talking, which he whipped out in a new interview with Details magazine.

"There's two kinds of men: There are men who are f—g misogynist pigs, and then there are men who just really love women, who think they're the most amazing people in the world. And that's me," Levine tells the magazine.

But he's a rock star, so he's not perfect, of course. As for sleeping around, he muses, "Maybe the reason I was promiscuous, and wanted to sleep with a lot of them, is that I love them so much."

Laugh all you want, but when was the last time you turned off the bubblegum noise that is Moves Like Jagger? Adam Levine is in our heads, ladies.

Prince Harry. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Prince Harry has a job opening

When Prince William sat down with Katie Couric for an interview, he said what recently married Royals in line for the throne are supposed to say: "I'm just very keen to have a family, and both Catherine and I are looking forward to having a family in the future."

But more surprising is what younger brother Harry shared.

"I've longed for kids since I was very, very young," said the prince with a reputation for looking hungover on the polo field. "And so I'm just waiting to find the right person, someone who's willing to take on the job."

Harry, we'd like to introduce you to America, where hot girls are willing to let Donald Trump touch them.

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Iris van Herpen: The queen of sculpture

The future of fashion. Metro chats with up-and-coming style star Iris van Herpen about designing, fame and going Gaga

FEDERICO GEREMEI
Metro World News in Italy

She's shy, she doesn't say much, but she does know what she's doing. We meet Iris van Herpen — a 27-year-old Dutch fashion designer — at the IED (Istituto Europeo di Design) in Rome.

Thanks to her organic and visionary creations, she's quickly risen to fame amongst international talents. Iris' hand-made 3D "sculpture-like" dresses can be found in top museums all over the world.

Not bad for a girl who once had a dream of becoming a ballet dancer.

You're labeled "the architect of fashion", who's your inspiration?

I've never heard anyone refer to me using that expression. Indeed, architecture is a source of inspiration for me, but I am first of all a fashion designer. I work a lot with Isaie Bloch (a Belgian architect who focuses on 3D printing), there's a great synergy between us.

What does fashion represent for you?

Fashion expresses my own identity. It's a mix of my tastes, mood and cultural background.

You've worked with Viktor & Rolf and Alexander McQueen, your icon. Any lessons learned?

I learned to be patient when working, I also learned a lot from his staff, having worked with them on a daily basis.

Floating down the runway

"I do not plan much but I keep fantasizing about a zero gravity fashion show."
Iris van Herpen
Fashion designer

Designer Iris van Herpen, left, and a model walk the catwalk at the Iris van Herpen Show during Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Berlin Spring/Summer 2012 GARETH CATTERMOLE/GETTY IMAGES

You've come up with creations for Lady Gaga's and Bjork's performances. What do you think about them?

They're not just singers, they're total artists — two amazing performers. Yet, they are so different.

What do you like about Lady Gaga?

I love that she's completely unpredictable.

And Bjork?

It's hard to express in words but Bjork's music and her way of communicating touches me deep inside.

What do they love about your work?

When I work on a new creation, I focus on finding and conceiving a specific personal identity, something that belongs to the person who is going to wear it. We all have our own individual personality, nothing is fixed nor immutable. Performers such as Lady Gaga and Bjork also rely on dresses – such as the designs that I produce – in order to express all aspects of their personality to the audience."

You are only 27, but you're already incredibly successful. How do you cope with all this at your age?

Everything goes so fast and I am trying to live it all day by day.

Have you always had a clear mind-set, in terms of your goals and ambitions for the future?

No, when I was a kid I wanted to be a ballet dancer. Dance inspired me for a while but at some time – I can't recall when it happened – fashion became my greatest passion.

Any projects in the pipeline?

I do not plan much but I keep fantasizing about a zero gravity fashion show.

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Lady Gaga in Iris Van Herpen.
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Fashion Flash

Oh C-Ann-ada!

Ann Taylor is heading north of the border as the retail chain opens its first international locations outside the U.S. The New-York-based retailer announced on Thursday it will open two locations in Toronto this fall. With 274 stores across the U.S., the company says its expansion into Canada marks the first step in growing the brand's global presence. "We are pleased by the strong awareness Ann Taylor already enjoys in Canada and look forward to offering our Canadian customers great fashion, quality and value in a new, exciting and aspirational shopping environment," brand president Brian Lynch said in a release. Michelle Obama, Angelina Jolie and Canada's Rachel McAdams are among the famous faces who have been seen sporting items from the brand.

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On the Web

Designers in 1st Soweto Fashion Week inspired by South African township's creativity, history

Pick up a hammer or pack up a moving box?

Just how rooted are you? New show Reno vs. Relocate explores difficult dilemma faced by homeowners

The dream of home ownership can go awry as time moves on when a house that once was a perfect fit suddenly falls short of meeting your evolving needs.

Whether coping with increasingly cramped quarters as families expand or simply tiring of dwelling in outdated surroundings, many homeowners grow keen to scratch the itch to shape up their property or ship out.

So should you stay or should you go? Designer Robin Lewis and real estate agent Vanessa Roman seek to help befuddled homeowners find the solution in Reno vs. Relocate, which premiered Monday at 9 p.m. ET on HGTV.

"The first thing that we do is take an assessment of exactly what it is that they need in the space, how the space functions, but more importantly, how it's not functioning for them," Lewis said in a recent interview.

Homeowners are able to see a graphic simulation of a renovated home from Lewis, while Roman offers a tour of a new home better equipped to meet their needs. After seeing both options, a choice is made to either opt for a makeover or move.

One of the debut episodes features Sarah and Marc with a tiny kitchen and constant congestion on their home's main floor, coupled with limited work space. After eight years in the home, and now with two kids, Marc is ready for more spacious surroundings closer to his office. Sarah favours going the reno route, preferring to stay closer to friends, school and her work. The couple is willing to shell out $40,000 for a potential renovation or $600,000 for a new home.

Making it work

"Renovations are fantastic, especially because people these days really are trying to find a home — not just a shell to live in."
Designer Robin Lewis

In a hot, expensive market, it may not be possible to afford to remain in your current neighbourhood in a bigger property or to move to a better area, said Roman. In that case, renovation becomes your lone option.

However, in markets where housing is more affordable, it's very easy to pick up and move versus staying and undergoing a massive reno, she noted.

"Renovations are fantastic, especially because people these days really are trying to find a home — not just a shell to live in," said Roman. "They want to stay in the same property because they develop a network of friends in the neighbourhood, their children are going to school, they have amenities that are close by.

"Sometimes, as much as you love a property, short of knocking the house down and building something new, it's not going to work. So moving then becomes a very viable option."

For those primed for a new property, Roman said the old adage of "location, location, location" still holds firm as the No. 1 consideration. But she also encourages homeowners to imagine how the property will be amenable to their needs in the short and longer terms.

"You have to imagine the space three years from now, five years from now, 10 years from now," she said.

"Robin and I could buy a house together and 1,100 square feet is great. Six children later? A little small. And you don't necessarily want to move."

While weighing up the decision to renovate, Lewis said the parameters of your budget should set the course of action — and you shouldn't deviate from it. He also suggests itemizing a top-down to-do list.

Whether you're sprucing up a home for sale or staying put, Lewis and Roman say there are simple, affordable ways to make changes.

Both agree paint is a quick, cost-efficient option, but Lewis cautions against splashing any old colour on the wall.

"When you're considering how to paint a room, people look at the paint colours in isolation, by themselves. Look at what's going to be in that room," he said.

"Look at what's going to be outside the window, look at how you're going to want to use that room, how you want it to feel, and then make the decision on the paint from there." That includes factoring in furniture and other complementary colours in palette, he added.

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Real estate agent Vanessa Roman, right, and designer Robin Lewis try to help bewildered homeowners find solutions in Reno vs. Relocate. The show premiered Monday on HGTV. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cramped quarters

There are tricks you can use to carve out a little extra wiggle room.

- **Dual purpose.** One of the basements renovated in the series needed to double as a play space and bedroom for guests.
- **Conceal it.** Lewis came up with the idea of installing a wall bed that folds away when not in use.
- **Sneaky storage.** "Another thing is just simple trays underneath your bed or underneath your couch gives you the ability to store smaller items," said Lewis. "It's all pretty straightforward if you just use your noggin."

Mortgage Advice
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A FIXER UP 'ER

On Sunday, David called me inquiring about a house he was buying. His question was if he was to buy the home was there anyway he can put the renovations into his mortgage.

It is a great question and I have the perfect product for that.

The technique is called purchase plus improvements. As long as the improvements are attached to the home (ie. Flooring, paint, kitchen) we are able to advance the monies you spent on those reno's after they are complete, up to a certain percentage of the home's value.

If you are buying a house with the intention of renovating, it is a smart idea to tell your mortgage broker first so they can help you put the renovation money into your mortgage. It is a much cheaper rate than putting all of it on your credit card or another form of credit.

With the maximum refinance being 85% it is even more important now to think about whether or not you foresee doing any other work prior to the end of your mortgage term. Chances are once your mortgage is in place for the term you will not be able to pull any equity out of your home for a long time. Therefore, putting your renovation into the mortgage ahead of time is a great technique.

Any questions about this or if you need any more information, call, tweet or email me at anytime.

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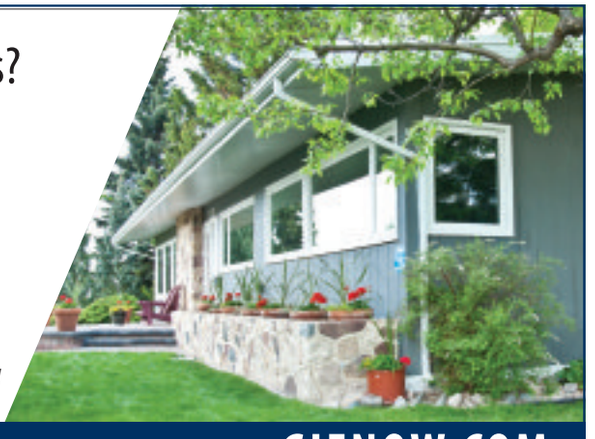

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Iconic dress to tabletop classic

Statement pieces.
Fashion gives inspiration for a new keepsake china pattern

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Every year, hundreds of new tabletop trends make a splash when the doors at 41 Madison Avenue are thrown open for New York City's Tabletop Week.

This special week allows design trade, store buyers and the media to scour this trade-only building that houses the best of the best and everything to do with tabletop and entertaining products.

Hundreds of manufacturers host parties and events to entice the trade into their fantasy land of table fashion showrooms. Some of the tabletop trends shown are short-lived (remember black octangular glass dishes from the '80s and over-glazed pottery from the '70s?). Only a few live on to become tabletop classics.

One of the most elegant introductions this season was from the manufacturer Waterford, who has employed Monique Lhuillier (fashion designer to Hollywood icons like Katie Holmes and Angelina Jolie) to design a tabletop collection reminiscent of a dress she designed called Sunday Rose.

What sets Lhuillier's collection apart from other fashion designers that create collections for the tabletop is that she draws her inspiration from classic elements of her designs and not the trend elements that could be short-lived on a dinner table.

Her tabletop collection called Sunday Rose (after her iconic dress) is positioned to be a classic for years to come as it incorporates clean lines and modern etchings mixed with the tradition of white china and platinum roses.

Could this replace Royal Albert's Old Country Roses (a bestseller for over 30 years) as a long-time classic china pattern? I think entertaining and fashion critiques alike would agree they'd be happy to dine with Sunday Rose for a very long time.

Soft platinum roses drawn on white china will be a tabletop tradition for years to come. Monique Lhuillier's Sunday Rose, $155/five-piece setting WATERFORDWEDGWOOD.CA

Lhuillier's Sunday Rose dress inspired her entire tabletop collection. MONIQUELHUILLIER.COM

Presentation is everything

"There are no rules in putting a beautiful table together or mixing metals these days. I am a big believer that food presented well makes for a more joyous event."
Fashion designer Monique Lhuillier

From bridal to table

A chat with Monique Lhuillier

The Sunday Rose Collection was inspired by one of your iconic dress designs; what inspired the dress?
My bridal collections celebrate romance and femininity with a modern twist.... I took my inspiration from a classic rose flower. I cut silk organza fabric and formed abstract flowers to create a bed of roses effect in the skirt. The textures felt so lush and beautiful and the dress was a runaway success.

What accent colour would you team with your classic white/platinum china collection?
I would accentuate it with blush pink; it's the colour of the moment. I would infuse the blush colour in an accent plate, add blush pink peonies to the floral centrepiece and a add blush linen napkin....Voilà! Colour!

With the popularity of gold tones emerging in home decor would it be wrong to mix gold and silver accents together?
I would add gold accents on flatware and the table decor like salt and pepper accents, place card holders... There are no rules in putting a beautiful table together or mixing metals these days. I am a big believer that food presented well makes for a more joyous event.

Fashion and product designer Monique Lhuillier. CONTRIBUTED

Do fitted sheets have you in a bit of a twist?

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Last month, a reader of my column asked me for advice about how to avoid getting laundry stuck within her fitted sheets in the dryer.

To be honest, I really didn't know the answer to the question, so in my column I asked the question to my readers and got back some wonderful suggestions that I would like to share with you.

1. Christine wrote what I thought at first was the most obvious answer. "Dry the sheets separately from your clothing. I don't wash and dry my clothes and bed sheets together."

This makes total sense to me and this is the method I use at home. Just for fun, this was the most popular answer!

2. Bev from Toronto wrote, "Try safety pinning the corners together and then the subsequent four sides, to make a sort of balloon shape. This still allows the sheet to dry, but avoids the annoying problem. Of course large safety pins will be needed, which are available in some dollar stores and most sewing notions outlets."

I love this idea as well, but still think this is too much work and would much rather option #1.

3. Patsy wrote what I think is a truly fabulous suggestion, "If you include small item clothes such as socks and briefs, put them in a mesh laundry bag."

This is such a great idea; I think I am going to put this as a footnote for our laundry class at the Charles MacPherson Academy for Butlers and Household Managers!

Finally I spoke with Bonnie Aprile who is the executive housekeeping teacher at our butler school. She said that sheets and clothing should never be washed and/or dried together as their different sizes and fabric weights dry at different rates.

Thus the rule of thumb is like fabrics and like clothing size should be dried together, so that you do not over/under dry particular pieces.

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Dryer games: socks and underwear often like to hide in your fitted sheets. ISTOCK

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There's more to pomegranates than health drinks and fancy cocktails

Are you over the pomegranate trend yet?

If so, you might want to revisit it once more. This time it's pomegranate molasses, a thick, syrupy concentrate that is sweet and tart and as delicious as it sounds.

If you take the unsweetened juice and boil it down until it is thick and syrupy, you have pomegranate molasses, a popular flavouring in Middle Eastern cooking. Pomegranate molasses once was unheard of outside of ethnic markets, but today can be found in the international aisle of most larger grocers.

And if you can't find it, it's easy enough to make. Buy a bottle of pomegranate juice (or juice concentrate), then boil it until it has reduced and become thick.

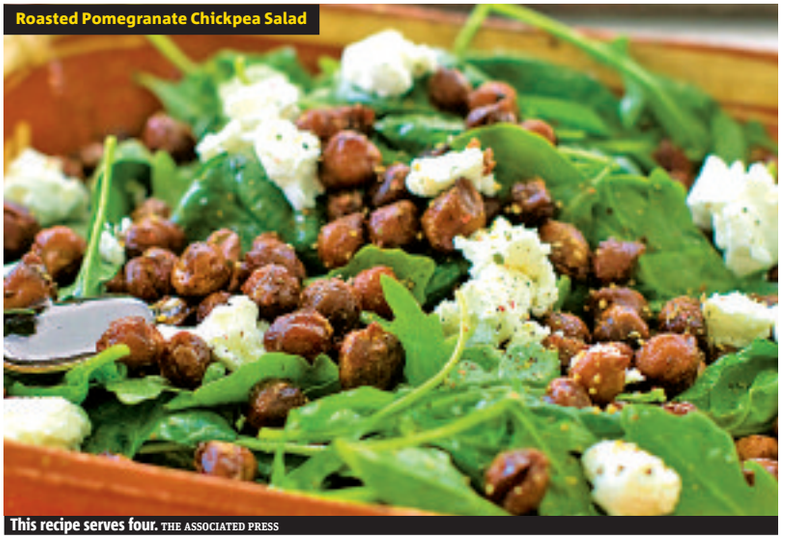
The thick, deep-red syrup has an intensely sweet-tart flavour that pairs surprisingly well with savoury dishes, especially grilled meats. Pomegranate molasses and walnuts are a classic flavouring for poultry.

Opened bottles can be refrigerated for long periods. But it's not likely to sit around for long. You don't need to love Middle Eastern food to love what pomegranate molasses can do for the foods you already love.

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp pomegranate molasses
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 2 15-oz cans chickpeas, drained
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- Ground black pepper
- 4 cups arugula
- 2 cups baby spinach
- Kosher salt
- 4-oz log soft goat cheese

Roasted Pomegranate Chickpea Salad



This recipe serves four. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1. Heat the oven to 450 F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the pomegranate molasses, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Add the drained chickpeas and toss to coat evenly. Arrange the chickpeas in an even layer on the prepared baking sheet. Roast for 15 minutes, or until the chickpeas are dried and starting to get crunchy. Remove the chickpeas from the oven and set aside to cool.

3. Meanwhile, in a large bowl whisk together olive oil and lemon juice. Season with pepper, then add the arugula and spinach. Toss to coat.

4. Divide the greens between four serving plates, then sprinkle each with kosher salt. Divide the chickpeas between the salads, then top with crumbled goat cheese.

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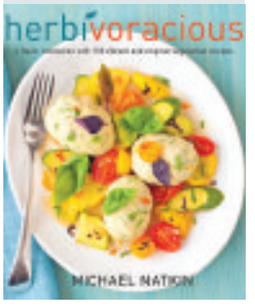
Book review

Recipes for the savvy herbivore

Michael Natkin's Herbivoracious and its 150 recipes usher in a new generation of meatless cooking. With 80 colour photos, Natkin illustrates how vegetarian food can be intensely flavoured in a way that will appeal to readers with a sophisticated and adventurous global palate.

The author provides advice on how to craft vegetarian meals that deliver nutrients and complementary flavours. Among the recipes are: Portobello and Summer Squash Lasagna, Jamaican Rice and Peas, and Chocolate Chunk Bread Pudding. METRO



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Rhubarb gets decadent with dulce de leche

Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) graham wafer crumbs
- 90 ml (6 tbsp) prepared dulce de leche or caramel sauce
- 500 ml (2 cups) softened vanilla ice cream
- 625 ml (2 1/2 cups) chopped fresh rhubarb (cut in pieces)
- 1 apple
- 90 ml (6 tbsp) liquid honey
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) vanilla

Rhubarb Apple Ice Cream Cakes

This recipe serves six. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dulce de leche, a thick, caramel-like spread, is popular in South American desserts. These individual ice-cream cakes incorporate dulce de leche and are topped with honey-coated roasted rhubarb and apples. For extra decadence, drizzle with additional warmed dulce de leche.

1. Line 6 muffin cups with paper liners. Spoon 2 ml (1/2 tsp) of the crumbs, then 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) of the dulce de leche into each cup. Spoon in ice cream, packing lightly; smooth tops. Spread remaining dulce de leche on top; sprinkle with remaining crumbs. Cover and freeze until firm, about two hours or for up to two days.

2. Sauce: In a shallow 2-litre (8-cup) glass baking dish, combine rhubarb, apple and honey; bake in a 190 C (375 F) oven for 25 minutes or until apples are tender. Add vanilla with a potato masher, crushing fruit. Let cool until warm or cover and refrigerate until cold.

3. To serve, divide half of the sauce among individual dishes. Remove liners from ice cream cakes and place ice cream on sauce. Spoon remaining sauce over top.

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NHL

Lidstrom to announce if he'll retire or return

Nicklas Lidstrom has made a decision about his future.

The 42-year-old Lidstrom will announce Thursday whether he's retiring or returning to play a 21st season with the Detroit Red Wings.

The four-time Stanley Cup champion and seven-time Norris Trophy winner put retirement on hold in each of the previous two years by signing one-year contracts and answering questions from reporters on a conference call. This time, he's holding a news conference at Joe Louis Arena.

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Nicklas Lidstrom
GETTY IMAGES FILE

NFL

NFL decides to keep Pro Bowl

After a promise from players that the game will be more competitive, the NFL will hold the Pro Bowl in Honolulu next Jan. 27, a week before the Super Bowl.

Commissioner Roger Goodell had made it clear cancelling the all-star game was a possibility after the uninspired play of this year's 59-41 AFC victory. Following discussions between the league and the players' union, the NFL announced Wednesday that Aloha Stadium would host the Pro Bowl for the third straight year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Los Angeles' Anze Kopitar scores the game-winning goal on Martin Brodeur Wednesday night in Newark, N.J. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Kopitar keeps Kings on road to Stanley

NHL. Talented forward gives Los Angeles 1-0 lead in championship final over New Jersey

Game 1

Kings	Devils
2	1

Anze Kopitar scored 8:13 into overtime as the Los Angeles Kings defeated the New Jersey Devils 2-1 to open the Stanley Cup final on Wednesday night.

Justin Williams found Kopitar with a backhand pass from his own blue-line and the Kings star raced in alone, deking Martin Brodeur before slipping it over him.

Los Angeles, the eighth seed in the West, is now 9-0 on the road in the playoffs.

The Kings are also 3-0 in overtime in these playoffs. The Devils are 4-2.

In a tight game without much offence from either side, New Jersey's attack disappeared for long stretches before a sold-out crowd of 17,625.

The Devils had five shots in the first period and just four in the second, but still managed to pull even at 1-1 late in the second period on a deflection off a Kings defenceman.

"(There) wasn't much going on offensively for either team," said Kings coach Darryl Sutter. "The way the teams play, it's such tight quarters out there.... Pretty evenly matched teams. There's probably going to be more than one overtime game."

Los Angeles outshot New Jersey 22-16 in regulation.

"We'll be better on Saturday night.... I don't believe we deserved to win tonight, that's the bottom line, and that's what happened," said Devils coach Peter DeBoer. "If we had won, we would have been sneaking one out."

For all the talk of Jonathan Quick as the Kings' uber-stopper in goal, New Jersey made it easy for him for long stretches. He was there when needed, however.

Brodeur was also sharp in a third period that eventually opened up.

Colin Fraser scored in the first for the Los Angeles.

Anton Volchenkov replied in the second for the Devils.

Teams winning Game 1 of the final have gone on to win the cup in 55 of 72 seasons (76 per cent) since the league went to the best-of-seven format in 1939.

Boston bucked that trend last season, however.

Game 2 goes Saturday in New Jersey.

It marked the 24th overtime game of the 2012 playoffs. And the first Game 1 of the final to go to overtime since 2002, when the visiting Carolina Hurricanes defeated the Detroit Red Wings 3-2.

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Heat stave off Celtics to grab 2-0 lead

The Miami Heat and Boston Celtics fight for the ball on Wednesday.
MIKE EHRMANN/GETTY IMAGES

The biggest post-season comeback in Miami Heat franchise history wasn't enough.

The Heat needed more — and got it, digging deep to take a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference finals.

LeBron James scored 34 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, Dwyane Wade scored 23 and the Heat rallied from 15 down to beat the Boston Celtics 115-111 in overtime on Wednesday night.

Mario Chalmers scored 22 for the Heat, who won despite an unbelievable night by Rajon Rondo. The Celtics guard played all 53 minutes and scored 44 points, dished out 10 assists and grabbed eight rebounds.

Game 2

Heat	Celtics
115	111

"This group had resolve," Wade said of the Celtics. "They came out and played a great game. It was physical early. They brought the game to us. That can't happen. We used our crowd and the energy to get back into the game and we had to play better."

Paul Pierce scored 21 points, Kevin Garnett added 18 and Ray Allen 13 for Boston.

Rondo finished 16 of 24 from the floor, 10 of 12 from the foul line and made both his 3-point tries.

"He was absolutely phenomenal," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "Put us, put the whole team at times on his shoulders.... We had a lot of opportunities to win the game." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 SPORTS

NBA

Hornets win NBA draft lottery

The New Orleans Hornets, recently sold by the NBA to Saints owner Tom Benson, have won the NBA's draft lottery and the No. 1 pick overall. The Hornets, after a difficult season in which they traded all-star Chris Paul, have a shot to add another superstar, with Kentucky freshman Anthony Davis considered the best player available. The Hornets moved up from the fourth spot, where they had a 13.7 per cent chance, to earn the pick. The Charlotte Bobcats, after the worst season in NBA history, fell to the No. 2 pick. Washington will pick third and Cleveland fell one spot to fourth. The Toronto Raptors will pick eighth.

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On the web

The European Championship gets underway next week and UEFA officials are trumpeting it as "a true celebration of football in a festive environment." But there's still a troubling undercurrent of human-rights issues in host countries Poland and Ukraine. Scan the code for the story.

CFL looks back at Grey Cup and 'where it all began'

CFL. League pays tribute to big game's beginnings ahead of 100th showdown

Members of the University of Toronto football team pose in replica uniforms at the site of the 1909 Grey Cup on Wednesday. KEITH BEATY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

In 180 days the 100th Grey Cup will be held in Toronto, and the CFL paid tribute Wednesday to the game that became a national event.

The first Grey Cup was played at Toronto's Rosedale Field, and it was remembered with a plaque honouring the 1909 game between the University of Toronto and the Parkdale Canoe Club.

"The Grey Cup is synonymous with Canadian culture and unity, and this is where it all began," CFL commissioner Mark Cohon said.

"Just as Canada has come so very far as a country, the Grey Cup has grown into something bigger than sport. It's a symbol of our ability to come together to celebrate who, and what, we are as Canadians."

Earl Grey, the governor general of Canada, donated the trophy to the U of T after they beat the Parkdale Canoe Club 26-6, in what was then known as the Dominion Championship of Canadian Amateur Rugby Football.

The 1909 game was attended by 3,807 fans.

The 2012 game in Toronto on Nov. 25 is all but sold out and Grey Cup chair and Argos CEO Chris Rudge has said previously that 80,000 tickets could have been sold had there been that many seats at Rogers Centre.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Getting to 100

The Grey Cup wasn't held for three years during the First World War, which is why this year marks the 100th game.

Tennis. Canada's Wozniak sets up clash with top-seeded Azarenka

Canadian Aleksandra Wozniak defeated China's Zheng Jie 6-2, 6-4 Wednesday to reach the third round of the French Open.

The Blainville, Que., native will face top-seeded Victoria Azarenka in the next round.

Wozniak dominated in a near-flawless first set and overcame a lapse while leading by a break in the second. That miscue was partly caused by a long injury timeout taken by the No. 34-ranked Zheng with Wozniak leading 3-2.

The pause left Wozniak to practise her serve on the court while a doctor and trainer spent at least 10 minutes examining and patching a heel blister on Zheng's left foot.

Aleksandra Wozniak in Paris on Wednesday. GETTY IMAGES

Wozniak managed to get her concentration back when play resumed despite exchanging breaks with her opponent.

"I'm content with this win," Wozniak said. "But the injury time was very long. You cool off a bit when that happens. After she was treated she still moved well, so it was not an easy win."

The Canadian won her last match against Azarenka — albeit at the junior level.

"It will be important to come out and only focus on my own game," Wozniak said. "I can't let her game or anything else bother me. I have to focus on each point and mix it up."

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Venus out of tourney

Venus Williams followed little sister Serena out of the French Open. The elder Williams lost to Agnieszka Radwanska 6-2, 6-3 Wednesday in the second round. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Clemens' defence turns to former Jays catcher

Roger Clemens' former catcher with the Toronto Blue Jays testified Wednesday that he had seen vitamin B12 "shots lined up ready to go" for players, a claim also made by Clemens and for which he was charged with obstructing Congress.

Clemens is charged with obstruction of Congress, perjury and making false statements for denying to Congress in 2008 that he ever used steroids or human-growth hormone. The obstruction count contains 13 allegedly false statements, including Clemens' assertion in his congressional deposition that "four or five needles" of vitamin B12 would be "already lined up ready to go" in the trainers' room after games. The U.S. government maintains that Clemens concocted the B12 account as a cover for steroid injections.

During the trial, prosecutors have asked several government witnesses associated with major-league teams whether they've ever seen B12 shots lined up, and all of them have said no. But on Thursday, the first full day of defence witnesses, former catcher Charlie O'Brien replied "Yes, sir" when defence lawyer Rusty Hardin posed that question.

O'Brien, who played with Clemens in 1997, also testified that the secret to the pitcher's longevity was a split-fingered fastball. That was testimony designed to counter the government's theory that Clemens was able to pitch into his mid-40s because of performance-enhancing drugs.

Like other defence witnesses, the former catcher also praised Clemens' work ethic, which defence lawyers have also been stressing as an explanation for his success. O'Brien recalled seeing Clemens working on his fielding at 7 a.m. on the first day of spring training. Clemens joined the Blue Jays at age 34 after the Boston Red Sox did not re-sign him following the 1996 season. Boston's general manager, Dan Duquette, said at the time that Clemens was in the "twilight" of his career. Clemens won the Cy Young Award the next two seasons in Toronto and continued his pitching career until 2007. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roger Clemens, centre, and his legal team arrive at federal court in Washington on Wednesday. SUSAN WALSH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

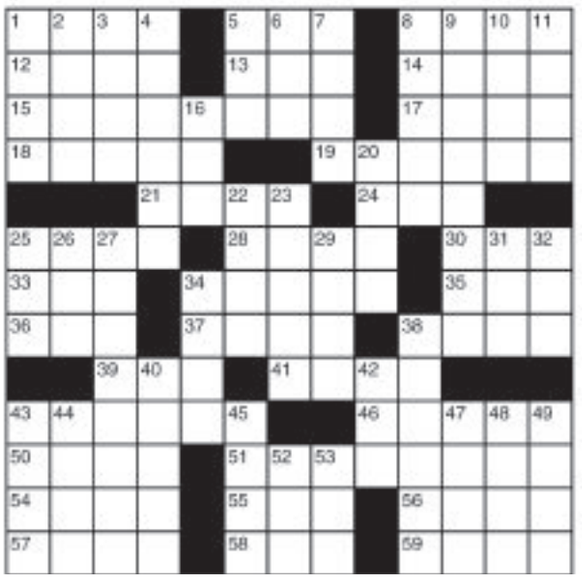
"I've yet to see anybody work like Roger Clemens."

Clemens' former Texas high-school teammate and defence witness Todd s

Crossword

Across
1 Related
5 Copper head?
8 Daytime TV entry
12 Last few notes
13 Trigger's rider
14 Data
15 Battling at close range
17 Infamous lyrist
18 Most of Iberia
19 Hippocratic oath reciter
21 Seductress
24 Zodiac sign
25 Ocean motion
28 Baseball nickname
30 Sphere
33 Historic time
34 Smiles
35 Ultramodernist
36 Susan of "L.A. Law"
37 Ice-skating leap
38 Group of quail
39 Pinnacle
41 Unit of force
43 Sandpiper's cousin
46 Match
50 Take on cargo
51 Queued in a way
54 Muscat's land
55 Perfume-label word
56 Actress Dunaway
57 Methods
58 Turn blue?
59 Pal of Kukla and Ollie

Down
1 Gospels' follow-up
2 Former surgeon general
3 Notion
4 Indigenous
5 Illustrations
6 Greet the villain
7 Kept tabs on
8 From then on
9 Pairing off uniquely
10 Hairstyle
11 Indigent
16 — budget
20 Automaker Ransom Eli
22 "You Bet Your Life" host
23 Got nosy
25 Williams or Koppel
26 Anger
27 Ordinary
29 Sans siblings
31 Gun the engine
32 Tarzan's son
34 Yawn
38 Ask to be excused
40 They take the cake
42 Singer Cole
43 Farm implement
44 Tibetan monk
45 Sax player's need
47 Caboose's location
48 One-name New Age singer
49 Paradise
52 Aye canceler
53 Payable



Sudoku

6					3		2	
			7	4			5	
	8		6					7
	9	5		3				
1			4		6			9
				1		2	4	
7					8		1	
	3			7	1			
	2		3					6

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	6	8	4	3	2	7	9	1
2	7	9	5	8	1	4	3	6
4	1	3	8	7	9	6	5	2
9	5	4	2	6	7	8	1	3
6	2	7	1	5	3	9	4	8
8	3	1	9	4	6	5	2	7
7	9	6	3	1	4	2	8	5
3	4	5	6	2	8	1	7	9
1	8	2	7	9	5	3	6	4

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

MA OI. ALCBV BWZMBWB DL XWZLOW V QWD EMULD. M FRWII PLR OMFJD IVP IJW'B XW V EUVCW QVCW.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE I WAS LEGALLY ORDERED TO KEEP DRY, I AM TAKING PART IN A WETNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals S

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Someone you meet on your travels will tell you something interesting. It may sound a bit harsh but you know the truth when you hear it, so listen, learn and then act.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. What happens today will awaken your sense of injustice and compel you to take action.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Don't worry about other people's feelings: if you have something to say then you must come out with it right away.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Sometimes conflict is inevitable and that is the way of things now.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. With mind planet Mercury strongly aspected you won't doubt for a moment that you are doing the right thing.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You won't be shy about letting the world know what you think today.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Cosmic activity in one of the more dynamic areas of your chart, which endows you with no small amount of courage, so don't sit there and take criticism that isn't warranted – go on the offensive.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. If you want something done you can, of course, do it yourself, but you can just as easily persuade others to do the work for you.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Trust your instincts today and follow them wherever they might lead.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. It's all about attitude: if you believe you can reach your goal you will find a way.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. The best way to avoid trouble is to think before you act – but how likely is that when you feel so adventurous?

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You may not take kindly to others telling you how to do things but if you are smart you will listen.

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Sameer

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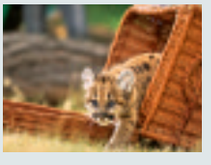

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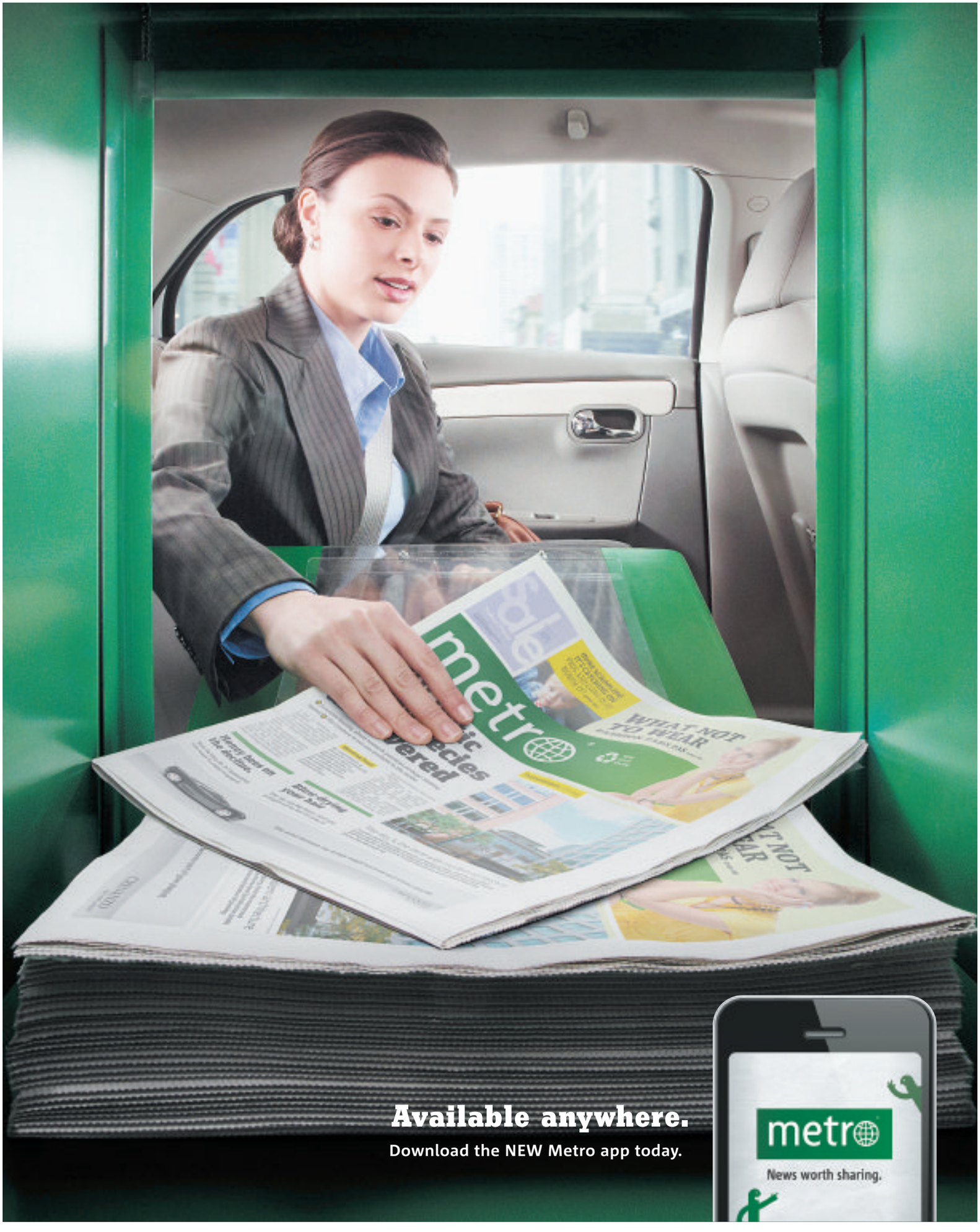
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